a continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. In addition, anti-bird measures are also undertaken.

Strengthening of coastal security system

453. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the serious lapses in the country's coastal security system, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to set up 9 Coast Guard Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of Coast Guard Stations proposed to be set up along the coast of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Ministry can also consider for covering the entire coast of the country with radar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) The Government has approved setting up of nine (9) additional Coast Guard Stations in the country including one station at Nizampatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Appropriate steps have been taken for strengthening coastal surveillance and security, which includes installation of radars.

Probing crashes of Sukhoi SU 30 MKI

454. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Russian experts has recently visited India to probe the crash of the Sukhoi SU 30 MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF);

(b) if so, the details of the reports submitted by the experts Russian teams;

(c) whether in the past few months a large number of Aircrafts of Defence forces have crashed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to check such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A team of Russian experts has visited India to probe the crash of the Sukhoi 30 MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force. The report forms a part of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry, which is under finalization.